

Singh, Kristine (POL)

From: dennis gray <dennisgray711@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:47 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws!

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From: Jesus Galaz-Montoya <jgalaz@gmail.com>
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Thank you and happy holidays!

Jesús

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Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 3:00 PM
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Dear SF Police Commission.,

I am well aware of the limitations on the SFPD police officers abilities to spend time on traffic violations. I frankly wouldn't expect them to be able to enforce every violation. However, this shouldn't prevent them from exercising their duty to enforce these laws when possible.

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From: CJ Karsant <cjkarsant@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:59 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
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C.J. Karsant

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From: Barbara Loughrey <blough307@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:58 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Violence in San Francisco

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I hope you believe in heavy sentences for violent crimes! Also, the city looks like shit due to drugs and homelessness! Start using the laws on the books and arresting these people! I am a daughter of a police officer! The city is pathetic and an embarrassment to 5th generation San Franciscans!
Mrs Barbara Loughrey

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From: Gary Decad <gmdecad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL); SFPD, Commission (POL)
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From: Brant Thompson <brant_thompson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL); SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Brant Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sandy <sweil46117@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:56 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: Comment re Traffic Safety Laws!

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Dear SF Police Commission., Comment & Suggestions.

As a driver and pedestrian, you should not prohibit SFPD from enforcing existing traffic safety laws (agenda item 11 on your 12/14 meeting).

> Not being stopped for failing to display registration tags and driving with expired registration. I understand that people who are on very limited incomes or unemployed may not have the money to pay their registration. I also understand that when police see cars without tags, they decide in that moment to pull them over or not. I'm also aware that more people of color get stopped for this than white folks (of which I am one.) There needs to be another solution than just letting this go, **but this one doesn't concern me as much as not doing the safety stops.** If you don't enforce this, it doesn't seem like a safety issue and will allow folks on tight incomes to not get their car impounded and continue to work and take their kids to school, or sleep in their vehicle.

> **Not stopping drivers for failing to signal when turning or changing lanes! How can I as a driver know what the heck the other driver is going to do if they do not signal?** This must continue to be enforced as a common rule of the road, whether in SF, other cities, or on the freeways. SF will be promoting horrible driving skills by letting this slide. Once again, if we look at stats around the country, seems that folks of color get stopped and more likely ticketed, more than white folks, for not using signals. Instead of not stopping people, stop people on an equal basis, and train your officers, not to harass or escalate stops with people of color. Give them a warning, and they have to take a free on-line refresher course for driving. Also, make these types of stops in ALL neighborhoods including Pac Heights etc. Don't target only certain communities.

> No stops for diving without tail lights or brake lights! For my safety as a driver **I need to know if the person in front of me is going to brake!** Instead of not enforcing these laws, have once a month tail-light and brake-light fix it events in all SF communities. Maybe hold it at City College parking lots across the City, and on Sundays at health clinic parking lots. Maybe have free information about health and wellness at the same time, after school programs, make it easy and fun. Maybe you can combine an event like this with the Bike Coalition. Bikers need to know what cars are doing too!

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Sandy Weil
2083 28th ave. 94116

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From: Aljosha Novakovic <ollynov@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:56 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws and do their jobs

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Please, I understand that not enforcing certain laws like this makes the job more simple and even gains points with some of the more extreme politicians in the city. But these are cheap points. Eventually, all of this madness will come back around. Please, enforce the laws, and ensure a positive and safe environment for all of us.

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From: Anthony Rivero <anthonyrivero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:55 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
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Dear SF Police Commission.,

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Anthony S Rivero

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From: Youngblood, Stacy (POL)
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:55 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: FW: VOTE NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.

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From: Kevin Fong <kfongslugg@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Elias, Cindy (POL) <cindy.elias@sfgov.org>; Yee, Lawrence (POL) <lawrence.yee1@sfgov.org>; Byrne, Jim (POL) <jim.byrne@sfgov.org>; max.carter-orberstone@sfgov.org; Yanez, Jesus (POL) <jesus.g.yanez@sfgov.org>; Benedicto, Kevin (POL) <kevin.benedicto@sfgov.org>; Walker, Debra (POL) <Debra.Walker@sfgov.org>; Youngblood, Stacy (POL) <Stacy.A.Youngblood@sfgov.org>; sfproblemsolvers@gmail.com; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Hatun@stopcrimesf.com
Subject: VOTE NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.

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Dear Commissioners,

Please oppose the December 14 revised draft of proposed General Traffic Enforcement Order 9.01.

During the pandemic my wife and I have walked the streets regularly as our primary form of exercise. If you live or work in S.F. you know being a pedestrian is a high risk activity. Pedestrian right-of-way has become a quaint concept from a bygone era.

While we strongly support eliminating racial bias in traffic stops, this is the wrong way to do it because it is dangerous to public safety. Bias in traffic enforcement is already contrary to law and the Constitution. Any remnants should be addressed by other means, including officer training and accountability, not by ordering SFPD to abandon altogether the enforcement of duly enacted California traffic laws or city ordinances. This will result in the following negative effects:

* Increased traffic accidents: Traffic deaths skyrocketed nationwide last year. In San Francisco, at the current rate there will be 31 pedestrian traffic deaths this calendar year even though the professed city goal is Zero deaths, with the elderly, Blacks, and the homeless disproportionately killed. It is common knowledge that traffic enforcement in San Francisco is already lacking due to the shortage of police officers and Police Commission inattention. This policy only adds to the crisis on our roads, including essentially legalizing turns and lane changes without signaling, and other critical infractions that cause accidents.

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shootings in San Francisco from 2019. How are police supposed to reduce shootings if the Police Commission makes it even more difficult to spot illegal guns in vehicles?

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What would make us safer: the Commission's advocacy for and implementation of full staffing of SFPD by adding the 500 officers that San Francisco is short. Instead, this proposed traffic order will surely impede morale and make police hiring and retention more difficult.

Allow SFPD to do their jobs, please do not pass this ordinance.

Please vote "no" on this proposal.

Thank you!

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From: Alison Fong <ayfong1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:54 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws! We need safe streets!

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Dear SF Police Commission,

As an Asian American woman, I am feeling less safe every day on our San Francisco streets with the rise of anti-Asian hate crimes and not enough officers on our streets.

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Thank you,
Alison Fong - 17 year resident of District 1

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From: conorj@otterbrands.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:48 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: stop making the City more dangerous

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Police Commissioners,

Please do **NOT** prohibit SFPD from enforcing existing traffic safety laws (agenda item 11 on your 12/14 meeting).

I don't know why an unelected body that's supposed to focus on making the city safer spends so much time actively making it less safe. I also don't know how such a body can legally tell peace officers not to enforce state vehicle codes, or discipline them if they do. But there is one thing I do know:

I've been working in the automotive world for 25 years, and in my experience the most common reason a car doesn't have current registration tags (or a license plate) is because it can't pass a smog test. If it can't pass smog, it can't get registered. So all the cars you're about to give de fact amnesty are typically GROSS POLLUTERS.

Please don't make it legal to drive them in San Francisco. In addition to all you're doing to make the city less safe, this would make its air less healthy too.

Conor Johnston
Owner
Otter Brands, LLC
415.902.0307

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From: Molly and Dirk Manoukian <manohome@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:45 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Elias, Cindy (POL); Carter-Oberstone, Max (POL); Yee, Lawrence (POL); Byrne, Jim (POL); Yanez, Jesus (POL); Benedicto, Kevin (POL); Walker, Debra (POL)
Subject: Enforce the law!

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Thank you.
Molly

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From: Youngblood, Stacy (POL)
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:45 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.

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To: Elias, Cindy (POL) <cindy.elias@sfgov.org>; Yee, Lawrence (POL) <lawrence.yee1@sfgov.org>; Byrne, Jim (POL) <jim.byrne@sfgov.org>; max.carter-orberstone@sfgov.org; Yanez, Jesus (POL) <jesus.g.yanez@sfgov.org>; Benedicto, Kevin (POL) <kevin.benedicto@sfgov.org>; Walker, Debra (POL) <Debra.Walker@sfgov.org>; Youngblood, Stacy (POL) <Stacy.A.Youngblood@sfgov.org>; sfproblemsolvers@gmail.com; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Hatun@stopcrimesf.com
Cc: Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
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Dear Commissioners,

Please oppose the December 14 revised draft of proposed General Traffic Enforcement Order 9.01.

With some exceptions, it would ban police from enforcing violations of nine traffic laws such as failure to signal when making a turn or changing lanes: missing license plates; driving in the fog with broken headlights, taillights or brake lights. It would also allow bicyclists to flout traffic laws, creating an unacceptable threat to public safety, especially pedestrians. Bicyclists could also intentionally drive slowly in the middle of the road in order to block traffic.

Bicyclists would be allowed to engage in reckless behaviors, such as riding on the sidewalk or blowing through stop signs when pedestrians or other vehicles are present – even when there is immediate danger that the cyclist will crash with a pedestrian.

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